# COMMUNITY CORNER

The Community Resource Center's Weekly Newsletter



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### **REENTRY SUPPORT**

Are you interested in one-on-one support from people with the same life experiences as you?



Check out the following programs from Freedom Project:

- Reentry (Re)Call: A weekly phone support circle for those who have been
  formally incarcerated, whether it's been a few days since release or a few
  years. Call in and connect with people who understand reentry in a way that
  other people don't.
  - Every Friday at 6 PM
  - Join by phone: 1-669-900-6833 (ID# 521 687 912) or join by internet.
- **R.E.A.L. Sessions:** A reentry community that gets together monthly, both formally and informally for connection, conversation and to help one another deal with the challenges and successes of reentry and life, regardless if you got out yesterday or have been out for years.
- Family Circle Support: Provides support for the family's, partners, and friends of people directly impacted by incarceration. Click <u>here</u> to join the interest list.

For more information, email <u>connect@freedomprojectwa.org</u> or call (206) 325–5678.



## **HOW TO OBTAIN A WA STATE ID**

For individuals needing a replacement ID or first ever IDs for Washington State, please do the following:

- Complete an intake via walk-in at the <u>Metropolitan Improvement District (MID)</u> office 2515 Western Avenue Suite 2 from Monday through Friday 7:30 AM to 4 PM.
- Pick up a DSHS Identicard voucher\* that will reduce the price of the ID to \$5, which MID will subsidize.
- Return to MID on any Wednesday at 8 AM sharp, and a MID Outreach team member will escort you to the Department of Licensing (DOL) to finalize the ID. You will receive a temporary paper ID immediately, and the actual ID is mailed to MID in about 7 business days.



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- Must be active on food and/or cash assistance with DSHS
- Can be picked up from local DSHS office if you do not have a residential or mailing address. If you have an address on file, the voucher will be mailed to you.
- For more information or to schedule an Identicard voucher pick up appointment, contact Public Benefits Specialist Wayne Matthews at (564) 201-1484 or wayne.matthewsedshs.wa.gov.

Due to DOL requirements, individuals needing a first ever Washington State ID will likely have to wait approximately 1-4 months, depending on documentation necessary to prove residency and identity. MID orders all documentation necessary and absorbs the additional cost.



Depending on your situation, the process can take between a week to as long as several months. Please speak with the clinician who does your intake for details.

Besides ID services, the MID/Downtown Seattle Association Outreach Team also connects individuals with supportive services, housing, shelter referrals, treatment, employment, and assists with other basic needs.

For more information, contact MID at 206-973-1835 or email info@downtownseattle.org.

## Racism and the Economy: Focus on Criminal Justice

This <u>virtual video event</u> presented by all 12 District Banks of the Federal Reserve System focuses on how racism in the criminal justice system impacts the economy.

The session explores how overrepresentation of people of color and Indigenous people in the criminal legal system compromises the performance of the overall economy.

Watch on YouTube.

Learn more here.

#### **KC Community** Listening Session

The King County Districting Committee and the League of Women Voters are co-hosting a community listening session for civic minded groups and individuals in King County on Wednesday, July 21 at 7 PM. Redistricting determines which areas, neighborhoods and communities are grouped together into a district for purposes of electing and being represented by a King County Councilmember.

Click here for the Zoom link.